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The former German airfield located in East Prussia on the Braniewo (055/222)-

- Frymbork railroad between the villages of Stangendorf (55/22) and Willenberg (355/D68) is being rebuilt. This field was averely damaged during the war, and the five hangars located on the south side of the field were destroyed. The Poles took over the area from the Russians in the spring of 1948, and in the fall of 1949 stationed an engineering unit with about 100 prisoner-laborers at the field. The engineering unit and laborers are quartered in Stangendorf and Willenberg, and Germans who have remained in the area up to this time are being deported.
- The airfield, which is at least 3.5 x 2.5 square kilometers, and bigger than the airfield at Babie Doly, is bounded on the north by the Braniewo-Frymbork railroad, on the east by the village of Stangendorf, on the south by forests, and on the west by hills and the village of willenberg. About twenty antiaircraft positions were constructed in this hilly area by the Germans, but at the present time no guns are mounted on the emplacements. German-constructed underground ammunition dumps and air-raid shelters on the western limits of the field are in good condition.
- 3。 The Poles are now constructing four hangars along the railroad line and seven buildings on the eastern side of the field for use as administrative headquarters and barracks. It is planned that additional underground workshops, ammunition dumps, a fuel depot, and shelters will be built on the west side of the field. Two concrete runways about 2.8 kilometers long and 80 meters wide are being constructed so that they will cross in the middle. The entire field has been drained and leveled. No specialized construction has been observed in the area. Remains of the destroyed hangars have been removed. No planes or crews are stationed at the field yet.

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